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EDUCATION **Georgia State University College of Law**, Atlanta, GA

J.D. (expected Spring 2010), GPA: 3.21/4

- Moot Court Board
 - Best Appellee Brief in Giles Sutherland Rich 2008 Southern Regional
 - Advanced to the final four in both 2008 and 2009 Southern Regional oral competitions
- Twice elected to the Intellectual Property Law Society Board

Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, GA

B.S. in Computer Science (minor in Business Management), Class of 1999

- Section Editor of the school newspaper
- Elected President of the Inter-Fraternity Council

**PUBLICATIONS &
ACTIVITIES**

- *In the Aftermath of In re Bilski*, 983 PLI/Pat 37. An overview of the current state of method patents, presented at the 2009 Practising Law Institute's Patent Litigation Seminar.
- Material contributor to an *amicus curiae* brief for the *Bilski v. Doll* appeal currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. 2009 WL 2445769.
- Active student member of the Atlanta Bar's Intellectual Property and Litigation sections.
- Won the state championship in the High School Mock Trial competition sponsored by the Georgia Bar. Finished first runner-up in the previous year.
- Member of Toastmasters International, with a background in public speaking and teaching.

LEGAL **Office of the Clayton Circuit Public Defender**, Atlanta, GA

5/09 to 8/09

EXPERIENCE

- Sitting first-chair on preliminary hearings under the Third-Year Practice Act, conducting direct and cross examinations of witnesses as well as making closing arguments in felony cases. Also responsible for researching pre-trial motions and internal memoranda on case law.
- Negotiating plea agreements with the assistant district attorneys, in some cases requiring discussion with the arresting police officer to first obtain their consent.
- Conducting client and witness interviews involving a broad array of personalities under emotionally-charged circumstances.

Georgia State University Office of Legal Affairs, Atlanta, GA

5/08 to 8/08

- Responsible for maintaining intellectual property license agreements and invention disclosures, tracking patent maintenance fees and prosecution deadlines, and ensuring compliance with Bayh-Dole Act reporting requirements.
- Authored a research memo for pending copyright litigation, on fair use in the context of academic electronic reserve systems.

INDUSTRY **CNN**, Atlanta, GA

8/09 to present

EXPERIENCE

Internap, Atlanta, GA

11/08 to 05/09

TRX, Atlanta GA

8/07 to 11/08

Cox Enterprises, Atlanta GA

6/02 to 8/07

Palarco Consulting, Atlanta GA

7/01 to 7/02

Georgia Pacific, Atlanta GA

12/99 to 7/01

- Over twelve years experience in the software consulting industry, in environments ranging from small start-ups to Fortune 500 companies.
- Particular focus on security and privacy measures. Experienced with licensing and service agreements.
- Negotiated buy-in from multiple departments within corporations, when new initiatives were considered adverse to their own agendas.
- Taught training classes in a classroom environment to software developers and business analysts.